



# Texas Locate Sources

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# TXCSES Electronic Locate Sources

- DFAS
- TALX
- State & National New Hire
- State & National Quarterly Wage
- State & National Unemployment
- FIDM (Financial Institution Data Match)
- FPLS
- TX Driving Records
- Professional Licenses & Permits
- TX Dept of Human Services



## Defense Finance & Accounting Service (DFAS)

- Feature(s)
  - Electronic data match with DFAS
  - Subsequent matches through FCR
  - Electronic wage withholdings
- Advantage(s)
  - Employer information without normal reporting delay
  - Ability to automatically generate electronic wage withholding, enabling payments 2-4 weeks faster
  - Generated 5,400 new wage withholding orders based on match
- Disadvantage(s)
  - Initial matching required manual matching on name and SSN where there were discrepancies
  - Programming and additional resources required for project



# TALX (The Work Number®)

- Feature(s)
  - Income/employment verification service for employers
  - Automated data match
  - Internet-based manual inquiry
- Advantage(s)
  - Employer/wage information without normal reporting delay and employer reporting compliance issues
  - Ability to automatically generate wage withholding
  - Generated 6,530 new withholding orders in first 4 months
  - Significant reduction in VOELs and other correspondence to employers
- Disadvantage(s)
  - Limited number of employers involved (approx 2,200)



# State and National New Hire

- Feature(s)
  - Automated matches
  - Also have a 90-day database for the TX New Hires to allow for manual inquiries
- Advantage(s)
  - Employer/wage information without normal delay in reporting
  - Ability to automatically generate wage withholding
- Disadvantage(s)
  - New Hire reporting compliance issues
  - Hits on employees who never report to work



# State & National Quarterly Wage

- Feature(s)
  - Automated matches
  - Manual inquiry access to state quarterly wages
  - Enhanced interface with state to obtain quarterly wage information as soon as employers begin reporting
- Advantage(s)
  - Provides wages for other states that previously required Quick Locate Requests
  - Enhancements provide for more timely locate/wage information
  - Ability to automatically generate wage withholding
- Disadvantage(s)
  - Reporting delays given the nature of the data



# State & National Unemployment

- Feature(s)
  - Automated matches for locate – State and National
  - Manual inquire for state quarterly wages, UIB, & job search data
- Advantage(s)
  - Provides wages for other states that previously required Quick Locate Requests
  - Electronic garnishment for Texas UIB
- Disadvantage(s)
  - Reporting delays given the nature of the data



## FIDM (Financial Institution Data Match)

- Feature(s)
  - Automated matches
  - Also have manual search ability
- Advantage(s)
  - Locate Leads as well as lien possibilities
- Disadvantage(s)
  - More of an enforcement tool than locate



# FPLS

- Feature(s)
  - Manual & automated electronic submissions available via state child support system
- Advantage(s)
  - Ability to receive wage & benefits data otherwise unavailable
- Disadvantage(s)
  - Much of information is dated



# TX DPS Driving Records

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- Feature(s)
  - Automated data match
  - Manual inquiry screen for users
  
- Advantage(s)
  - Can provide SSN
  
- Disadvantage(s)
  - Texas only



# Professional Licenses & Permits

- Feature(s)
  - Automated data match with Texas license and permit issuing agencies
  - Manual inquiry screen for users
- Advantage(s)
  - Can be used as enforcement tool for license or permit suspension
- Disadvantage(s)
  - Limited number of participating agencies



# TX Dept of Human Services

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- Feature(s)
  - Automated Data match
  - Direct access to DHS systems
- Advantage(s)
  - Online, real-time access to data
  - SSNs verified by SSA
  - Variety of inquiry elements
- Disadvantage(s)
  - Data match requires SSN



# TXCSES Manual Sources

- LASSO
- TX Dept of Criminal Justice
- Fuginet (State Parole)
- TX Workforce Commission
- TX Comptroller of Public Accounts
- Various County Databases
- TX DPS databases
- Internet Access



# LASSO (Locate & Asset Search System Online)

- Feature(s)
  - Vendor database for manual locate and asset searches
  - Search multiple databases with single inquiry
- Advantage(s)
  - Large variety of information (Address, Drivers License, Credit Header, Death records, Vehicle registration, Property Search, Telephone Number, Bankruptcies, Marriage/Divorce, Criminal History, Lendor Information)
- Disadvantage(s)
  - Per-search cost
  - Extremely confidential information available to users
  - Limited number of reporting entities statewide
  - Majority of information is Texas specific
  - Manual access only



# TX Dept of Criminal Justice (TDCJ)

- Feature(s)
  - Data stored on Sybase server
  - Allows user to inquire by variety of queries
- Advantage(s)
  - Provides inmate & parole data
- Disadvantage(s)
  - Updated monthly
  - Manual access only



# Fuginet (State Parole)

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- Feature(s)
  - Internet site maintained by TDCJ with State Parole information
- Advantage(s)
  - Information updated daily
- Disadvantage(s)
  - Limited number of users allowed on the system
  - Manual access only



# Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts

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- Feature(s)
  - Manual Inquiry and online access
- Advantage(s)
  - Access to Sales Tax and Texas State Payee System data
- Disadvantage(s)
  - Difficult to use (old database)
  - Manual access only



# Various County Databases

- Feature(s)
  - Various mainframe and PC-based applications across the state
- Advantage(s)
  - Online access to County data
- Disadvantage(s)
  - Access limited to CS office in respective county
  - Manual access only



# TX DPS Databases

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- Feature(s)
  - Online access to license data & criminal histories
- Advantage(s)
  - Beneficial to manual locate
- Disadvantage(s)
  - Limited number of users allowed
  - Manual access only



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